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\$23.6 MILLION FOR NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TRENTON—Governor Christine Todd Whitman and Community Affairs Commissioner Jane Kenny recently announced \$23.6 million in tax credit and Balanced Housing Fund allocations for the development of affordable housing throughout New Jersey.

"These awards complete the financing for 1,060 units of affordable rental housing, with a total construction value of close to \$150 million," said Governor Whitman. "New procedures adopted by the Department of Community Affairs and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency promote better coordination and allow us to utilize our housing programs fully to support projects in a more comprehensive manner."

According to Governor Whitman, developments selected in this cycle should be constructed within 12 to 24 months. Commissioner Kenny said that urban communities are benefiting from the new procedures.

"Over 40 percent of the units will be built in the cities. This means jobs and economic growth in our urban areas, and these awards are right in line with the Governor's efforts to revitalize our cities," Commissioner Kenny said. "Of all the units built, in urban as well as suburban areas, over 50 percent will be for senior citizens, 36 percent will be family units, and close to 15 percent will be for persons with disabilities and other special needs."

Balanced Housing Funds are derived from State Realty Transfer fees. Low Income Housing Tax Credits are awarded

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NEWARK CANNOT BANSIDEWALK BOOKSELLERS

NEWARK—The scope of a municipality's authority to regulate booksellers is at issue in a case heard before the Honorable Alvin Weiss, Assignment Judge of the N.J. Superior Court on Wednesday, July 24th in, at the Essex County Hall of Records in Newark.

ACLU-NJ cooperating attorney, William Volone, of the Reiman Parsonnet firm in Newark, is representing Mr. Graegorin Smith, who was found guilty in Newark Municipal Court on June 21, 1995 of violating the City's peddler's ordinance because he was selling books on city streets without a city peddler's license, and because he was not using the special cart that Newark requires all street vendors to use.

The ACLU-NJ argues that books and other written materials constitute expression protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the government therefore cannot condition their distribution on obtaining a license, nor can the government impose onerous conditions that shut certain ideas out of the marketplace by virtue of the expense required to satisfy them.

"Books are not like hot buns, but dogs or anything else that one might find sold on the City's streets," said Mr. Volone. "Books are speech, and one shouldn't need a license from the government in order to exercise free speech."

The ACLU-NJ also contends that the fact that the books are sold, rather than given away, does not detract from their expressive character. Printing costs money, so if speech was protected only if it was given away free, the government would have blanket authority to censor all books, magazines and newspapers.

The case has added importance because there are no reported New Jersey decisions that consider whether a person selling books or other expressive material must comply with a municipal peddler's license. Courts in other jurisdictions that have considered the question have almost uniformly held that such ordinances cannot be applied to this activity.

NEWARK COUNCIL FUMES OVER SCHOOL EMPLOYEE DISMISSALS

Terrence L. Dixon

NEWARK—The City Council will not accept this plan without some kind of major protest," said Newark councilperson Mildred Crump in response to the laying off of 634 Board of Education employees as a part of the city's state-operated school district's reorganization plan.

Dr. Beverly Hall, the state district superintendent, announced the employee cuts as part of her state-required outline to overhaul the school district. Hall said the \$26.3 million saved from the layoffs will be used for educational services that directly benefit the students.

Although measures have been taken to provide the displaced workers with jobs, the Newark City Council was extremely disappointed with Dr. Hall's plan according to Crump.

"I've been supportive of Dr. Hall on most of her reform plans. As a former educator, I can not support what I'm reading. I believe you can do more with less but you need to pick the right time. This should have been done on a phase-in basis," Crump said.

The real issue Of the 634 terminated employees, or seven percent of the school's total work force, about 98 percent of those affected are Newark residents according to union representatives. Dr. Hall said the lost jobs were both necessary and justified because the district had been used as a source of jobs rather

than a means of educating children. The reorganization plan was designed to ensure almost all of Newark's students educationally perform up to the national standard by the year 2000.

"The quality of life extends beyond the school. The child may get a decent lunch but not a decent dinner at home," said Crump.

According to Dr. Hall, employees cuts were due to the fact that the central office was overstuffed with administrative and non-administrative personnel that engaged in low priority assignments. In addition, she pointed out that the bus attendant program costs \$220 per vehicle compared to the \$20-35 regional average; custodians were being paid 36 percent more than the regional average but covered 20

percent less square feet; and Newark's average cost of producing school lunches were more than \$3.00 over the regional average including food packages having generous paid leave packages.

Hall said teacher aides will be replaced by certified teachers and child study team members and speech language specialists case loads will increase from an average of 26 to the state average of 44.

Finding jobs for 634 employees The reorganization plan called for the operation of a career center in conjunction with the Department of Labor. The career center will offer a wide range of services for a period of three months.

"This is a wholesale elimination.

Changes are necessary but this is ridiculous," said Crump.

According to the *Star-Ledger*, the Department of Labor said terminated workers have been responding positively despite the fact that some employees angrily protested. They said some 325 reported to the center last Wednesday. However, 200 laid-off employees protested at the Robert Treat Hotel downtown Newark the same day.

In conjunction with career center, the Department of Labor will help with unemployment claims and pensions. Special workshops will be conducted to assist with job search, resumes, and interview skills. Counseling, testing,

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New Jersey's African-American Olympic hopefuls

by Kelly Howard

ATLANTA—Within the proposal for 15,000 athletes competing in the Centennial Olympics at Atlanta 34 New Jerseyans—four of whom are African American—are standing proud and striving to be known as one of the best. These local heroes will punch, throw, and run to reach for the stars, to reach for the gold.

Terrence Caution hopes to be on the beat in the boxing ring, despite being handicapped. Caution, a 20-year-old, Trenton husband and father will be competing for a medal in the lightweight boxing category, an area he is well trained in.

The 132 lb. left-hander has a winning competitive record of 159-16, and won most outstanding boxer award at the 1995 USA-Cuba competition. Caution has also won in both Olympic trials and boxoffs, finished first at the

U.S. Championships and Olympic Festival last year, and is the winner of the 1992 Junior Olympic Championship.

Working together will be the key thing for 27-year-old Jennifer Horton. As part of the handball team, Horton, who grew up in Wharton, has a serious chance to obtain a medal at the Games.

As goalkeeper, Horton has been a member of the national team for more than six years. She was a 1992 Olympic alternate, and has played in five national tournaments winning one bronze, two silvers and one gold. Her athletic skills and abilities have been and continue to be a strong part of her life and will shine through as she competes to win.

Moving on the fast track (and field) to medals are two native New Jersey

women, who will have to work hard in competition against other worthy U.S. competitors.

With Jackie Joyner-Kersey as a role model and a competitor, Shana Williams, a fledgling poet will be hoping to have wings to obtain a medal. Williams, born and raised in Bridgeton and a Seton Hall University graduate, was not at all sure about long jumping.

In fact, she was ready to quit until she surprised herself in the 1992 Olympic Trials and by coming in third in the 1993 NCAA Championship. Williams came in second in the long jump to Joyner-Kersey at the 1996 Olympic Trials. And admits that it has only been in the last year that she began to take the sport seriously.

Running uphill is not a usual competition, but for Joetta Clark, it may seem she is doing it for the 800-meter. The Newark born, Franklin Township resident has been working hard



Joetta Clark

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Gilmore Baptist Church celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Terrence L. Dixon

PATERSON—Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Church will celebrate its silver anniversary next week: "Celebrating 50 Years of Lasting Faith and Family."

The church will hold a black-tie banquet at the Marriott Hotel in Newark International Airport on August 2, 1996. However, the celebration will commence through a week long Founder's Day commemoration from August 4 through August 11.

The celebration will celebrate two historic benchmarks. One, the celebration of the church's bustling existence for a half century. The second will highlight the continuance of spiritual leadership first led by the late

Bishop Clarence Gilmore and then for the past 23 years by his wife.

The Gilmore Legacy In 1946, 30-year-old minister Clarence Gilmore took the pastorate of a seven-member mission that included his wife, Rev. Dr. Allene Gilmore. At the time, the name of the mission was Faith Tabernacle Church of God, located at 140 Governor Street in Paterson.

Elder Gilmore's leadership made the church grow in recognition and its congregation increased. In 1952, after Rev. R. Webber of Solid Rock Church of God in Christ died, the two churches were consolidated by the late Bishop James Wells.

The consolidated church moved to 52 Clinton Street in Paterson with



Rev. Allene Gilmore

the name Faith Tabernacle. The church doubled in population. Elder Gilmore was made a bishop by his contribu-

tions to society during this time.

At first, they were going to build a larger church on its existing site. However, the church decided to buy a church edifice at 68 Haledon Avenue and to build it there. In June 1969, the Grand March was led by Bishop Gilmore into the new church. Bishop Gilmore headed Faith Tabernacle for 27 years until his death on June 1, 1973.

In August of the same year, the congregation decided to rename the church Gilmore Memorial Tabernacle Church in honor.

The congregation decided that his wife, Evangelist Allene Gilmore should pastor the church since she worked side-by-side with her husband. Before her husband died, Mr. Gilmore contributed to the growth of the church.

She expanded the church beyond the confines of the congregation.

Some of her expansion programs included: The Allene Gilmore Day Care Center (which became the largest black-owned day care center in New Jersey), The Gilmore Memorial Bible Training Institute, The Gilmore Memorial Christian Society (a certified Christian elementary school serving grades kindergarten through eighth grade), The Look and Live Today Ministry television show, and a host of other programs.

"When you come to any of our meetings or workshops, you will always find several families with three generations among our membership."

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Plainfield Tennis Team gears up for Junior Olympics

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—As the world gets excited about the Centennial Olympics in Atlanta, younger athletes are gearing up for the August 6 to 10 American Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics in New Orleans, La. One local team that will be attending the Games is the Plainfield YMCA Junior Tennis Team.

"We're the only tennis team out of both states of New Jersey and New York that is attending," said coach and volunteer tennis director David Hopkins. "We are very lucky to be representing this area."

The tennis team, consisting of an A and B group, recently competed in the Southern New Jersey Junior Tennis play-off at the United States Tennis Association (USTA) National Tennis Center. At the Playoffs, the Plainfield YMCA A Team received one of the highest scores in team competition.

Nineteen of the 30 kids, ages 11 to 16, on the two teams will be attending the Junior Olympics and have been

practicing approximately four hours a day to get ready. With team practices Tuesday through Saturday, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday 5 to 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Tennis Courts on Randolph Road, the kids also practice indoors on Friday from 12 to 2 p.m.

"They're very excited about this trip," said Hopkins. "We have some of the best players in the state and this is a great opportunity for them to experience in their young lives."

One of the strongest teams in the New Jersey area, Plainfield draws its strength from several surrounding communities, including Scotch Plains, Fanwood and Scotch Plains.

The Plainfield YMCA Junior Tennis Program was started in October 1994 by Hopkins in hopes to find a positive physical outlet for young people to succeed.

Working together, the Plainfield Tennis Center, the Plainfield Youth Development Association and the Plainfield Area YMCA build up the juniors tennis skills through a grassroots development program.



The Plainfield YMCA tennis team celebrate their win at the United States Tennis Association's Junior Team Tennis tournaments and is now on its way to the AAU Junior Olympics.

PEOPLE

Community Calendar

Rountree, Woods and Glasspool honored as concerned citizens

THRU JULY 31
NEW YORK—The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the New York Public Library present *Malcolm X: The Murder Trial*.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31
NEWARK—The 22nd Annual Newark Black Film Festival continues with *The Man by the Shore* at 7 p.m. at New Jersey Institute of Technology. For more info call 201-596-6550.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1
MADISON—SeniorHealth is hosting a trip to the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's production of *The Winter's Tale* at Drew University from 6 to 10:30 p.m. For more info call 201-325-6503.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
BLOOMFIELD—Huguenot Cooperative Extension of Essex County is hosting the 1996 Essex County Fair "Essex County Youth Celebrate Our Annual Friends" 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Brookdale County Park. For more info call 201-678-7607.

AUGUST 3 AND 17
PISCATAWAY—Tossmasters International meets at the Christ United Methodist Church from 10 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-940-2536.

THRU AUGUST 4
NEW YORK CITY—Picturing Paradise: Colonial Photography of Samoa, 1875-1925 exhibition investigating the growth of the concept of an island "paradise" through early photographs of Samoa and its people at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. For more info call 212-535-7710.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5
MAPLEWOOD—The Men of Essex, Inc., will hold its 36th Annual Amateur Golf Tournament at the Maplewood Country Club. For more info call 201-783-2012.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

EAST ORANGE—United Healthcare
System will host an informational meeting for local Medicare patients at 1 p.m. For more info call 201-266-8144.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
PLAINFIELD—Urban Women's Center of the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield will host "All You Need to Know About the Internet" from 10 a.m. to noon at United National Bank's Community Education Center. For more info call 908-756-3636.

AUGUST 6 THRU 27
EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Farmers Market offers Jersey Fresh vegetables from the Garden State at City Hall Plaza Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday. For more info call 201-266-0938.

AUGUST 6 THRU 29
COLTS NECK—Mommouth County Park System schedules adult intermediate tennis lessons at Dobbins Recreation Area 6:30 to 7:25 p.m. and Thompson Park 8:30 to 9:25 p.m. For more info call 908-942-4000.

THRU AUGUST 11
LINCOLN—Oklahoma to be staged at Mommouth County Park System Summer Theatre at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-942-4000.

THRU AUGUST 15
SUMMIT—Works from "Artists with Disabilities" program will be shown at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

THRU AUGUST 23
SUMMIT—The works of 51 Union County artists will be exhibited at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-558-2550.



NEWARK—(Above, l) Newark resident Bernice Rountree is congratulated on her award for outstanding volunteer efforts in the city by Dr. Stanley Bergen, Jr., president of UMDNJ. (Above, r) Richard A. Woods (l) of Newark and Edwin G. Glasspool (c) of Caldwell receive Community Service Awards from Mary Mathis-Ford, chairperson of UMDNJ-Board of Concerned Citizens. Both men are PepsiCo employees who created the Pepsi Renaissance Scholarship Program to aid college-bound students in Newark.



Rev. Lindsay named pastor of Cross of Life Church

PLAINFIELD—The Rev. Carol A. Lindsay will be installed as the first pastor of Cross of Life Lutheran Church of Plainfield on Sunday, August 4 at 9:30 a.m. The reverend, who is a resident of the Netherlands section of Plainfield will serve a one-year appointment.

Union County donates \$6,800 to NJ Conference on AIDS



ELIZABETH—Pictured at the recent 1996 March of Dimes Walk America Awards Reception are (l) Brian Grace, of Newton Memorial Hospital, the 1996 chairman of Sussex County Walk America; Debra Bartelli, MA, MPH, director of the UMDNJ Division of AIDS Education and Trudy Byrd, a 1996 Union County Walk America volunteer. Byrd and Grace presented a grant in the amount of \$6,800 to Bartelli in behalf of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation to fund a statewide conference on AIDS. The conference, which will take place in early October. For additional information on the conference, please call the New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center at 201-982-6462.

Dennis named dean of University College-New Brunswick



NEW BRUNSWICK—Emmet A. Dennis, a noted biologist and former associate provost for academic advancement at Rutgers-New Brunswick, has been appointed dean of University College-New Brunswick, the undergraduate division of Rutgers serving adult, part-time students. The appointment is effective immediately. Dennis is co-director of the joint B.A./M.D. degree program offered by Rutgers and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He has taken a leadership role in efforts to help minorities and under-represented groups excel in the sciences. As dean of University College, Dennis will be responsible for advancing the college's mission and will oversee the operations of the college in all areas, including fund raising, program development, admissions, academic policies, registration, counseling, honors programs, scholastic standing and budgeting.

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Newark Main Post Office releases new phone numbers

NEWARK—The Newark Main Post Office has changed to a new phone system effective immediately. The new numbers are:

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National News at a Glance

NY RALLY AGAINST CHURCH BURNINGS

A rally at New York's Abyssinian Baptist Church recently drew hundreds to talk about the movement now started by the recent rash of church burnings. The rally was sponsored by the Center for Constitutional Rights and the National Council of Churches, two groups that have been heavily involved with helping the burned-out pastors. Said Abyssinian pastor Calvin Butts: "[T]his gathering is about more than restoring the burned churches. We are here to declare a national mobilization against racism, a mobilization to combat the rising tide of racial intolerance, and to make America live up to its creed." —NEW YORK

IN JAPAN, JACKSON BLASTS MITSUBISHI

Jesse Jackson is calling for a boycott of Mitsubishi Motor Corp. because of its reported sexual abuse of female employees. He recently visited Japan to meet with auto executives about stepping up efforts to employ more women and minorities. He got a mostly cool reception from executives from both Mitsubishi and Mazda.

—JAPAN.

ATLANTA, THE OLYMPICS AND KING

Atlanta is complicated. Andrew Young, former aide to Martin Luther King Jr. and former Atlanta mayor, recently said on NBC-TV's *Meet The Press* that he used King's legacy to lobby for the centennial Olympics to be in Atlanta. A tribute to King was a prominent part of the Olympics' opening ceremonies. But meanwhile, the Georgia state flag, which contains a Confederate symbol, is still flying, and Hu-

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Ghanaian ambassador outlines priorities for partnership with U.S.

WASHINGTON, DC—Ekwow Spio-Garbrah, Ambassador of Ghana to the United States, has called on the United States to maintain needed assistance in support of African development in a 12-point proposal. The proposal emphasizes the use of private sector joint ventures, adding exporting, debt alleviation and regional integration.

Addressing a seminar on May 24 sponsored by the Congressional Re-

search Service to discuss the Clinton administration's Trade and Development Policy Report for Africa, the Ambassador said the report presented innovative and worthy information to further Africa's development process. He pointed out, however, that it failed to address a number of fundamental issues that African nations feel would level the playing field for Africa in international trade and boost the continent's exports.

Spio-Garbrah outlined a plan to improve the impact of U.S. assistance to Africa, focusing on African countries with a greater level of economic development. He emphasized that while traditional humanitarian and reconstruction aid should continue to be provided to strife-torn countries that need basic necessities, foreign-assistance funding should be focused toward the more economically advanced countries of the region, creat-

ing seed capital and leverage in financial markets to finance public and private sector joint ventures.

"What Africa needs today is not who can give it fish to eat, so it can ask for more fish each day. All Africa is asking for is a friend who can teach it to fish better, so it can feed itself forever," Spio-Garbrah stated.

He also drew attention to the importance of U.S. support for political stability in Africa, pointing out that economic development and political

stability went hand-in-hand. He stressed that political stability and, flowing from it, stable economic development in Africa would alleviate poverty and provide a buffer against acts of terrorism, refugee flows and narco-trafficking.

"We welcome the efforts of the Congress and the administration to fashion a new relationship with Africa and pledge our readiness to work toward mutually beneficial goals," the ambassador emphasized.

Safe Haven loses funding

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—Another positive youth group may find its doors closed come November, due to lack of continued funding.

The Safe Haven program, one part of the Police/Community Partnership, covers 16 blocks in the West End of Plainfield. The area, which is severely affected by drugs and crime, offers about 125 children a place to interact with positive adult role models after school, receive tutoring, play sports and be secure.

The program, which will be four years old on November 30, is in the process of searching for new fund-

ing, when its grant from the Edward Burn Memorial Fund runs out. "There is a stipulation for any program funded under this fund," said Lt. Siddiq El-Amin, "and it calls for it to be funded for a maximum of 48 months."

With a working budget of approximately \$500,000, 25 percent of which is matched by the City of Plainfield, organizers of Safe Haven and the Police-Community Partnership program are working hard to find the funding. Sharon Brown, director of the program for the four years of its existence, is looking at outside fund-

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Faith Tabernacle celebrates 12th convocation

SOMERSET—The Faith Tabernacle Outreach Ministries of Plainfield will hold its 12th Annual Holy Convocation scheduled for Wednesday, August 7 through Saturday, August 10. The evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night.

The August 7th service will feature Bishop J. C. White, Pastor of Turner's Faith Temple COGIC, Bridgeport, CT.

The convocation will be held at the Somerset Marriott Hotel in Somerset. On Thursday, August 8, Pastor Michael Denunzio of Community Tabernacle of Delverance in

Stamford, CT will be the featured speaker. Dr. Millicent Thompson, Senior Pastor of Baptist Worship Center of Philadelphia, PA, will be featured on Friday, August 9 at a luncheon that will be held at Sherban's Restaurant, South Plainfield at noon.

Bishop H. L. Bright, Presiding Prelate of Faith Tabernacle Outreach Ministries, Inc. and the Senior Pastor/Founder of Faith Tabernacle Church, Inc. of Roselle will bring the Convocation to a close. The final service will be held at the Somerset Holiday Inn.

'96 National Urban League Conference set for New Orleans

NEW YORK—National Urban League President Hugh B. Price, NAACP Executive Director Kweisi Mfume, U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, and The Rev. Calvin Butts, are among the cast of national luminaries who will participate in this year's National Urban League Conference in New Orleans.

The conference is scheduled for

August 11-14 with President Bill Clinton and Sen. Bob Dole as invited speakers.

Other invited guest speakers are the Mayor of San Francisco, Willie L. Brown, Jr., the Mayor of New Orleans, Marc Morial; U.S. Rep. Charles B. Rangel; President and CEO of UNCF, William H. Gray III; Rabbi Mark Schneider and Actor/Activist, Ossie Davis.

There will be a tribute to Ron Brown, and discussions on affirmative action, agendas for the future, youth programs, political action, and race relations—including the burning of black churches. This year's Conference Gala will feature the critically acclaimed songstress, Patti Austin, and Jerry "The Ice Man" Butler.

'Reality Tour' to explore Senegal's past and future

SAN FRANCISCO—To explore the connections between West Africa and the United States, the nonprofit organization Global Exchange is arranging a tour to Senegal from August 1 through 15 with a focus on "Grassroots Development and West African Culture."

As Senegal faces extreme economic challenges today, Global Exchange's tour will focus on the social and political struggles that have arisen in response to cuts in social services, the dependency on agricultural exports in times of low prices, and a rising national debt.

Participants will have the opportunity to investigate the effects economic policies that are imposed by

international financial institutions have on local communities in Senegal.

They will also visit a range of community associations that work towards local solutions to problems caused by decisions made on the national and global level. Participants will meet with development organizations, women's economic associations, and youth groups that strive toward developing economic and social strategies to overcome the current crisis.

"It was inspiring to meet

so many creative, dedicated people who have created effective programs and are really making positive changes in peoples' lives," says one participant of a previous "Reality Tour" to Senegal.

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Ticks/Tick Bites: Wear long clothing and tuck ends of pants into socks, whenever hiking in tick infested areas, such as trails, woods and grassy areas. Ticks are not only found in wooded areas, due to increased population of deer, ticks are also found in urban grassy areas. Perform a tick check after being outdoors, checking thoroughly the scalp and neck. Removing ticks promptly may prevent infection from a bite.

Remove a tick by pulling it out with a tweezer or fingers. Never squeeze the body, this may cause the poison to be released, thereby causing infection. If you are unable to remove the tick, contact your pediatrician.



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EDITORIAL

Do forests heal?

"Like a forest fire, change causes necessary temporary pain," said State District Superintendent Beverly T. Hall when he announced the termination of 634 Newark school employees as part of her reorganization plan.

Although Dr. Hall has vowed to assist the displaced workers to find jobs for at least three months, the employees as well as the City Council are fuming. Ninety-eight percent of those terminated are from Newark. The forest has been definitely set ablaze, but will the pain be temporary?

Hall said the plan will reallocate millions in unnecessary administrative costs for educational services. If the administration shared luxuries such as trips to Hawaii while the city's schools and instruction were failing, then it is time for change. It is time for the youth to be put first.

They will be the new trees in the forest. While it is unfortunate that the employees were terminated, the fact that their children will be better served should motivate them to find new work. Therefore, as long as the trees left seeds behind, the pain can only be temporary because a new forest will begin to emerge.

Letter to the editor

Clean one mess before making another

Dear Editor,

EXXON Corporation wants permission from Neptune to build a monster-size, 24-hours-a-day Minimax with gas pumps at the corner of Route 33 and 35. We still oppose.

We want EXXON to clean up its toxic contamination before the Township considers this request to expand. In 1989, a ruptured tank at that site spilled 6,000 gallons into the groundwater in a deep excavation. It was never cleaned up. Huge amounts of benzene, toluene, MTBE, xylenes and lead have had 7 years to migrate into other people's homes—we believe causing illness and death—and certainly reducing property values in the area to zero.

This notorious corporate giant has polluted our community. Now they're asking for favors!

EXXON must know that hundreds of local people oppose their plan. They keep postponing the date of hearing before the Planning Board. (We wonder why our Planning Board keeps allowing these continual postponements, month after month.) Now EXXON has been granted a postponement from July 24 to November 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Perhaps EXXON believes that, with the passage of time, our support will lose interest.

We beg our supporters to stay with us (come to the hearing on November 13, but first phone Gwen Love at the Township, 908-988-5200 to find out if there has been another postponement) because our whole area is at risk here. This huge spill happened in the middle of a large, densely-populated, multiracial community at a seaside resort area. Now, the Tenth Avenue/EXXON corner floods with every heavy rainfall. Who knows how far these cancer-causing chemicals have already traveled on surface and ground waters and where they will go if EXXON isn't made to clean up now.

We thank all of those who have given us help or encouragement. Please stay with us. With your help we can win.

We thank especially: the Ocean Grove Home Owners Association; Mayor Jim McGann and Committee members Pat Monroe and Jim Manning; Congressman Paul Pallone and his aide, Mike Beson; State Assemblyman and chair of the Legislature's Environmental Committee, Steven J. Corodemus; State Senator Joseph Pabian; Mike Infanger and others at the State Department of Environmental Protection; Reverend Vernon McGowan, Reverend Carolyn Anderson and Reverend Cordell Crawford; Clean Action; Dougough White of the National Council of Negro Women; the New Jersey Environmental Federation at Trenton and the local branch in Belmar; *Pass Christi*; the local branch of the Million Man March Committee; the All People's Congress; the Monmouth County Coalition for the Homeless; Sue Maynard (West Side Community Center); Jim Maynard of Asbury Park; the Gathering for Justice at the Quaker Meeting House, Shrewsbury; Earl Gray and the local branch of the New Party; and Ms. Georgia Berry (Check-Mate).

We thank agency people and employees of the Township of Neptune who have gone to a great deal of trouble providing us with information from past records.

If we missed anyone we apologize, call us. We thank the many local businesses who welcomed and helped distribute our flyers. We thank the *Asbury Park Press*, the *Ocean Grove and Neptune Times*, the *Coastier*, and the *City News* for their fine coverage and editorials. We thank the hundreds of residents who signed our petition.

We are picking the site every week, and we want to thank the hundreds of passing motorists who gave us the thumbs-up sign, or stopped to talk to us, or bought us coffee. Please stay with us.

Dorothy Argrows

Ruth E. Bell

Paula Crawford
for Neighbors United

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man Rights Watch has called Georgia an unfit site for the Games because of what they say are human rights violations, which include

police brutality.—ATLANTA, GA.

'MULTIRACIAL' AMERICANS RALLY FOR NEW CENSUS CATEGORY

About 200 mixed-race protesters and their supporters recently rallied in Washington, DC, demanding the U.S. Census list a "multiracial" category starting in the year 2000. Reports the AP: "Couples in interracial marriages complain that their mixed-race children have no appropriate category to check off on many forms. They usually choose the 'other' classification, if it exists. But much participants complained the category does not identify the children accurately." The issue of "multiracialism" is one hotly discussed currently in America's black communities, bringing to the forefront America's history of racial classification.—WASHINGTON, DC.

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Rebuilding our cities through partnership

by Christine Todd Whitman



Whenever we speak of New Jersey's cities, we recall their proud history as bustling centers of commerce, culture, research, and tourism. Some of us may even wax nostalgic about those glory days, when there was something special about growing up in Newark or strolling the boardwalk at Asbury Park. Then we lament that our cities have fallen on such hard times. When I look into the faces of our cities, I see the faces of courageous men and women determined to solve the problems in their communities. I see their genius for innovation, management, and entrepreneurship that can make cities blossom again. I see the faces of children who are unfettered potential to succeed in life.

But I also see how traditional centralized government has disenfranchised neighborhoods and families by giving them little or no say in how

billions of dollars are spent on their behalf.

My administration has taken a different approach. We have said to the people who live, work, and raise families in our cities, "Look. You are the owners, and you are citizens. You deserve safe streets, good schools, and economic opportunity. It's our job to give you both these resources and the power to secure all these things."

This isn't rhetoric. It is the policy we started a year and a half ago when we established the Urban Coordinating Council to help urban communities develop and implement neighborhood revitalization plans. The council has assisted five cities (Asbury Park, Camden, Elizabeth, New Brunswick and Trenton) in their neighborhood redevelopment plans.

That's just the beginning of what we've accomplished—and what we plan to. Since I took office, we have created a number of programs that promote job growth and home ownership in our cities.

We are establishing a Fund for Community Economic Development, which will help finance small business growth and commercial real estate

development in cities.

We've created seven Urban Enterprise Zones, one each in West New York, Guttenberg, Pennington, North Bergen, East Orange, Irvington, and Hillside, to promote job creation in our cities. These are in addition to the 20 existing UZEs in Phillipsburg, Paterson, Sayreville, Union City, Jersey City, Newark, Orange, Elizabeth, Plainfield, Perth Amboy, Kenilworth, Trenton, Lakewood, Mount Holly, Camden, Pleasantville, Bridgeton, and the joint zones of Long Branch and Asbury Park, and Vineland and Millville.

We've set up the Business Employment Incentive Program, which provides grants to businesses that create at least 25 new full-time jobs in urban aid communities.

We've made urban housing more affordable for both buyers and renters. Our \$700 million Housing Economic Assistance Strategy has created more than 900 new rental housing units, expanded the availability of public housing, and helped meet the needs of more than 3,200 New Jerseyans become homeowners.

This month, I signed a bill that will move New Jersey's cities farther down the road to recovery and prosperity.

The legislation, the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority, strengthens existing programs, provides for coordinated state response to the needs of urban areas, and enhances the redevelopment capacities of the state's urban municipalities.

Each year, the NJRA will have the authority to issue up to \$100 million in bonds for eligible projects. Our urban policy begins in the neighborhoods, where the people who live and work there take the lead in planning and remain at the heart of everything we do. The Urban Coordinating Council will coordinate state government's efforts to help neighborhoods bring their plans to fruition and the Office of Neighborhood Empowerment will provide technical assistance in neighborhood planning.

We all recognize that power—and solutions—truly come from the people. The state needs to listen to cities, and these cities need to listen to the people in their neighborhoods. Government can't solve all our problems. But partnerships can start. And that's what we have. A partnership in which everybody listens to one another, learns from one another, and works with one another.

FROM CAPITOL HILL

Farewell to welfare—as we know it

by Askia Muhammad



Both houses of Congress have passed, and President Bill Clinton has given signals (conflating ones that he will sign a bill to reform welfare "as we now know it"). Sadly, the motivation appears to be for all the wrong reasons.

Although the President promised to reform welfare during his 1992 campaign, he put that issue on the back burner after his election, concentrating instead on his failed health care reform initiative. Now, re-election appears to be at the root of his willingness to act on welfare.

Leaders of the Republican-dominated House of Representatives and Senate say out of one side of their mouths that they want to change welfare so it will better help the needy.

At best, they really want to cut out-of-control budget that annually bloats more money for the federal spending than the generals and admirals at the Pentagon ask for. At worst they want to punish the poor. One Senate Republican even refused to

vote for the measure to slash benefits and turn over program management to the unreliable states because it was not stringent enough.

Not so.

The reform will probably win a surprising level of support even in the black community. Although there are far more white recipients of welfare than African Americans on the dole, blacks are disproportionately higher numbers among the poor in this country, and are widely perceived as the main constituency for maintaining the "welfare state."

Never mind that, like affirmative action (whose major success stories belong to white women and not blacks), the principal beneficiaries of welfare are white service-providers, counselors, and bureaucrats who administer the unwieldy system. Blacks, however, are still thought of as welfare's main clients.

Consider this. The day after the pivotal Senate vote on welfare reform, I was in a supermarket. A black woman asked another black man, and then for me, having just used the store's highest electronic payment system, I did not have a dime

in my pocket, and told her so. The other man simply brushed her off.

After the woman walked away, the other man said to me, "It's a shame isn't it? I didn't answer. It's not an answer," he continued, "waiting for an answer the second time. 'All these jobs out there, but they just don't want to work.'"

That is the perception driving it. Belatedly, the Republican leadership is reforming/abolishing welfare. That motivation, although wrapped in high-sounding political jargon when it is articulated in Capitol Hill, is not unlike the resentment of the pushback at the grocery store, by the black man who talked to me: punish the dirty beggars!

The provision in the new legislation that requires welfare recipients to be almost automatically purged from the rolls after two years, is a slap in the face to a number of fundamental principles. It presumes that there are indeed jobs giving begging that the poor are uneducated—the rejected and despised in our midst—can perform.

The provision forces that the reason Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), the largest share of the welfare cost was established in

the first place, was because a single parent could not work unless there was someone in the home to take care of the innocent child. Let's not forget that in the 1960s, the American welfare mentality of "benign neglect," also insisted that there could be no father or male in a home, in order for a needy mother to get welfare. This policy helped destabilize the fragile poor homes, forcing men out, because in those days social workers used to lurk around trying to find a man in the house in order to disqualify a family from receiving benefits.

With these new draconian measures, be "just what the doctor ordered," to get the unproductive in our society to wake up one morning as motivated citizens looking for ways to contribute to the society? Definitely not.

What our society needs is a tonic or an elixir, something that will make our most underprivileged men and women anxious to become contributors to the general well-being of the nation, and to turn their children into anxious learners, thirsting for knowledge. This welfare reform, just like cold shouldered turn toward beggars at grocery stores, will not do the trick.

Cancer and the African-American community

Overcoming the barriers to education and screening

by Deanna Tigges, RN, MSN, OCN

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), 1995, African Americans experience significantly higher incidence and mortality rates from multiple myeloma and cancers of the esophagus, larynx, uterus, cervix, stomach, liver and prostate. Cancer mortality rates are approximately 30 percent higher for African Americans than Caucasian Americans. African-American men have the highest incidence of prostate cancer in the world. An African American male has an 85 percent greater chance of being diagnosed with prostate cancer and a 114 percent greater chance of dying with the disease than Caucasian men (Morton, 1994).

The overall incidence rate of breast cancer is higher for white women than African-American women, but the mortality rate for African-American women is higher. This disparity can, in part, be attributed to the fact that African Americans are often diagnosed in an advanced disease state. A conscious effort at the local level that addresses the development and implementation of culturally sensitive prevention and early detection programs is imperative.

Healthcare providers must be aware of the numerous barriers to education and early detection that contribute to the cancer burden among African Americans. The negative influences of poverty, inadequate cancer knowledge, poor accessibility and availability of healthcare services, and a deeply rooted distrust of our nation's healthcare systems have been identified as deterrents to early detection of cancer among African Americans.

Cancer education programs are often viewed as culturally insensitive. When compared to the stresses and challenges of day-to-day living, cancer education and early detection practices are often perceived as low priorities. High cost of mammography has been identified as a significant barrier as well.

Other barriers include fear of developing cancer and a sense of "fatalism" associated with cancer. A study by Powe (1995) indicated that elderly African Americans were significantly more fatalistic than elderly white participants and less likely to participate in fecal occult blood testing. Colorectal cancer, is among the most frequent encountered cancers among African-American elderly.

The perception that cancer, or death as a result of cancer is unavoidable may offer little incentive to modify one's life style or to practice preventive health care. Incentive for African Americans often delay seeking medical care for 3-12 months after experiencing a symptom. The concepts of health and religion are closely meshed in African-American culture and religious beliefs impact on health practices and/or treatment decisions.

Nurses and other healthcare providers must understand the inherent barriers and develop an awareness and appreciation of the cultural qualities that affect the health status and practices of the African-American population. Nurses have the opportunity to collaborate with community leaders, other health professionals and hospital administrators in order to enhance cancer awareness; promote cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, and treatment in African

Americans and reduce barriers to the utilization of available cancer care resources.

An advisory council, as members of the targeted community, can help to ensure that proposed strategies and interventions meet the goals of the program and are appropriate for the community. The advisory council can facilitate communication between the healthcare institution and the community, thereby promoting trust be-

tween the two. Religion is an important part of most African Americans' lives; therefore the church can provide an optimal setting for the dissemination of health-related information. Reaching out to the community is a major step towards the ultimate goal of reduction of cancer morbidity and mortality among African Americans.

Dr. Tigges is a surgical clinician at Hixson Center at Orange, Oncology/Medical.

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YOUTHBEAT

Kids Kalendar

JULY AND AUGUST
SOUTH PLAINFIELD—Fleegley's School of Gymnastics' open house for all non-enrolled boys and girls ages 1 1/2 to 6 on Mondays, 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-561-8888.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2
PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library's "Little People" storyline for pre-K and kindergarten children at 11 a.m. in the Young People's Room. For more info call 908-757-1111.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3
UNION—The 53rd Annual Union County Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Festival will begin with a qualifying match at Galloway Hill Golf Course. For more info call 908-686-1556.

AUGUST 4 THRU 9
SUSSEX—44 sleep-over camps will take place at Bearville 4-H Camp in Sussex County for children grades 3 to 9. For more info call 201-875-4715.

AUGUST 5 THRU 10
NEWARK—The Newark Museum will feature a no-charge competitive event for children under 18. For more info call 201-733-4498.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
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AUGUST 11 THRU 16
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THRU AUGUST 16
NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents programs for children ages 6 thru 14. For more info call 201-596-6915.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library's "Little People" storyline for pre-K and kindergarten children at 11 a.m. in the Young People's Room. For more info call 908-757-1111.

THRU DECEMBER 15
NEWARK—The Newark Museum presents programs for children ages 6 thru 14. For more info call 201-596-6915.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication.

Microsoft donates multi-media software to Newark students

NEWARK—Hundreds of Newark High School students will have access to top-of-the-line multi-media software as a result of a special partnership between New Jersey Institute of Technology's TRIO program, Microsoft Corporation and the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations.

The TRIO program consists of three federally funded programs—Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services—which help disadvantaged youth and adults overcome barriers to education.

NJIT's TRIO program is one of only 53 around the country, and two in New Jersey selected to participate in the partnership. NJIT received 25 different Microsoft software and multi-media packages, valued at \$6,000.

The software gift was presented to the Upward Bound program and Henry McClell, TRIO director plans to extend the program to include students in the Talent Search and Student Support Services Programs in the fall.

"This partnership gives students the opportunity to work on the latest equipment and to be exposed to software that can aid in their academic and future professional development," stated McClell.

Just One Games slated for August 5

NEWARK—Mark your calendar! The "Just One" Neighborhood Program's first annual, "Newark Games" will be held on Monday through Saturday, August 5 to 10. Actor and Newark native, John Amos will be present.

The competition will include soccer, 3-on-3 co-ed basketball, family doubles tennis, volleyball and community service projects (school beautification and voter registration).

Formed through a public/private partnership between the City of Newark and the Newark Do Something Fund and co-sponsored by the Newark Public Schools, Just One is dedicated to providing youths with recreation and life skills instruction through activities such as the upcoming games, soccer and chess leagues, and other sporting events. For details, please call the Just One office at 733-4498.

Teens get entrepreneurial skills through farmstand project

by Kelly Howard

PLAINFIELD—In an effort to teach teenagers entrepreneurial skills, the Youth Farmstand Project (YFP), initiated by the Urban Ecology Program at Rutgers and supported by the Police-Community Partnership Program (P/CPPI), set up roadside produce stands in the city of Plainfield recently.

The farmstand featuring "Jersey Fresh" vegetables opened on Wednesday, July 10, at 200 Plainfield Avenue, one of its two sites, at 11 a.m. Students participating in the project, helped by Plainfield police officer Wilfred Whitley, Lt. Sidney El-Amin, and Master Urban Gardener John Mason, Jr. put the finishing touches to the stand.

"We are basically providing the students with training and delivery of produce," said Susan Snyder project coordinator of the New Brunswick Urban Ecology Program. "The city of Plainfield has really taken over its Youth Farmstand Project and that's being run out of the Police-Community Partnership Program."

The P/CPPI has established a number of programs with the aid of grant funding, and this year they added the YFP as something positive for the youth of Plainfield. YFP will provide at-risk youth with retail job training and entrepreneurial skills by owning and operating a retail farm stand business.

"Our hope for this project is that these young men and women will learn what it takes to run a business and that they will develop a vision to see themselves running their own business," said El-Amin. "Whether it is some-



Plainfield's Youth Farmstand Project workers invite customers to come shop with them; (standing left) John Mason, Master Urban Gardener, Thaddeus Pickney, site manager, and Alina White, project coordinator of Plainfield's YFP; (kneeling left) Shanna Bodemer, Joseph Coss, LaShonda Jordan and Khalid Jones.

thing like it, or a corporation, it can give them the motivation to think, 'I can do this.'"

While P/CPPI, Urban Ecology Program and many other businesses have supported the program, the day-to-day running of the farm stand will be left to eight to ten students.

Under the careful eye of project coordinator Alina White and site manager Thaddeus Pickney, the students will work at the Plainfield Avenue site Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and at Matthew Park on the corner of 4th St. and Monroe Avenue, Tuesdays and

Wednesdays, some times.

"It's especially nice that we could work something out between the farming community and the urban community to get more fresh foods into the city," said Dr. Michael Hamm, associate professor, Cook College, Rutgers, as he watched Mrs. Emily Washington, the farmstand's first customer purchase some fresh produce.

Washington and her husband three years ago had owned a store on the same spot where the Youth Farmstand Project is located on Plainfield Avenue.

Interns needed for fall and winter

NEWARK—Interns are currently being sought for fall and winter. Lautner's Newark office from early September to mid-February. Internships involve constituent service duties, assisting in specific research and writing, and accompanying staff members to events.

Interns must be responsible and dedicated. Completion of at least one year of undergraduate study is desirable. Applicants should be New Jersey residents. Academic achievement, political participation, community involvement, and future aspirations are major factors considered in the selection of applicants.

For further information please

contact Deborah Curto or Brenda Pinto, Internship Coordinator at 201-445-3030. In addition Union County's Sheriff's Office is offering a Law Enforcement College Internship.

The program is open to college juniors and seniors only. With GPA of 3.0. A letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor will be requested along with a resume and copy of all college transcripts. To obtain an Intern Handbook with attached application call the following number: 908-527-4987 from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Full semester placement is scheduled to begin by the first week of September. All interviews are to be scheduled after application, resume,

letter of recommendation, and college transcript are received. For an internship application, call 908-527-4465.

This Week in Black History

JULY 31
1874-Patrick Francis Healy, a Jesuit priest, is inaugurated as president of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Healy is the first African American to head a predominantly white university.

1921-Dan and executive director of the National Urban League Whitney Young. He is born in Lincoln Ridge, KY.

1960 At a New York meeting of the Nation of Islam, the honorable Elijah Muhammad calls for the creation of a black state in America.

AUGUST 1
1834-Slavery is abolished in British colonies by royal assent of the King of England after having been voted by Parliament the previous year.

1879-Mary Eliza Mahony graduates from the nursing program at the New England Hospital for Women and Children. She is the first African American to graduate from a nursing school.

1914-Margaret Gandy establishes the Universal Negro Improvement and Conservation Association and African Communities' League, later shortened to UNIA.

1925-The National Bar Association is formally organized in Des Moines, Ia., by 12 African-American legal pioneers.

1937-Arthur Ashe is selected as the first African American to play on the U.S. Davis Cup tennis team.

AUGUST 2
1924-Author James Baldwin is born in New York City.

1946-President of the Coalition of 100 Black Women Jewell Jackson (later McCabe) is born in Washington, DC.

1966-The Charles R. Drew Postgraduate Medical School (later Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science) is chartered in Los Angeles, CA. It is the only African American focused medical school west of the Mississippi.

1967-In the *Heat of the Night*, starring Sidney Poitier and Red Foxx premieres.

1982-Jackie Robinson, the African American to break the color barrier in major league baseball, is honored by a commemorative stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service, the fifth in its Black Heritage USA series.

AUGUST 3
1832-Author Edward Winslow Plyden is born in St. Thomas, West Indies.

1908-A site plan for the town of Allenworth, CA, is filed with the Tulare County recorder. The town is founded by African American Allen Allenworth.

1940 The Republic of Niger achieves its independence from France.

1972-The Federal Communications Commission upholds a political candidate's right to broadcast paid political commercials with race content if such broadcast prevents no danger of violence or incitement.

AUGUST 4
1875-The Convention of Colored Newspapers is held in Cincinnati, OH.

1890-Sam T. Jack's play *Crocker* opens in Haverhill, MA. It is the first time African-American women are featured as performers on the stage.

1963 John Wooden of the University of Pittsburgh wins a gold medal in the 800-m run at the Olympic Summer Games in Berlin.

1980-Mary Willis is named manager of the Seattle Mariners. He is the third African American to be named a major league manager.

AUGUST 5
1763-William Richwood is born free on Staten Island, NY. He is one of the first African Americans to attempt to win a patent on an invention.

1892-Harriet Tubman receives a pension from Congress for her work as a nurse, spy and scout during the Civil War.

1939-James Cane is an articulate scholar and author on black theology, is born in Fordyce, AK.

1964-Evelyn Ashford wins a gold medal in the 100-m race and Edwin Moses wins a gold medal in the 400-m hurdles in the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

AUGUST 6
1965-The Voting Rights Act is signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson in the same room that Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, Room 265, Martin Luther King, Jr., and a host of others witness the signing of the act.

1968-The *Learning Tree*, directed by Gordon Parks, Jr. premieres. The film is the first directed by an African American in modern times.

1973-Stevie Wonder is nearly killed in an automobile accident near Durham, NC, where he was to perform in a benefit concert.



Monique Bland

by Candace Waller

The Obsidian Civic Club affiliated with the National Association of Colored Women's Club, is dedicated to preparing youth for college and life. The organization started out in 1913 with the goal of making African-American young women and girls well-rounded.

It trains them in etiquette, exposes them to successful professionals and aids them with financial support to attend college through an annual cotillion ball. In 1984 the club expanded to include males.

This year's cotillion queen is Monique Bland, of Scotch Plains, a student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Bland won \$14,000 with

\$57,000 prize going to Marlene Smith of Westfield High School who was crowned king. Bland raised the money with the help of family and friends, donations and some creative fund-raising. She became interested in the club at age five, after watching her older sister Marlene participate in it.

She plans to attend Norfolk State University in the fall and major in elementary education. She notes that being involved in the club has helped her become a well-rounded person. "If youth don't get involved in school and other activities, they will get into a lot of trouble, like drugs and unwanted pregnancies. The best way to keep focused is to get involved," Bland stated.

According to Linden High School graduate Khadija Vaughan, a certified nursing assistant with plans to study nursing in college, she joined the Club because she felt the cotillion ball was a good way to raise money for school.

"I've met a lot of friends," stated Vaughan. "I never really had anything for a long time before and this is the first time I've finished something I started," the young lady admitted.

Club members are involved in year-long fund-raising activities and structural meetings. Each Sunday, the Obsidian Civic Club Youth department holds meetings which often feature a workshop, or speaker on a specific topic of interest. Fund-raisers include selling space in the cotillion ad book, candy sale, fish fries, spaghetti dinners and selling cotillion tickets. Students age five to 18 years of age are welcome in the Club.

Don't waste your summer. visit the library, get a job, volunteer.

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Black is Beautiful...

A special section

"Black is beautiful" was first spoken by Marcus Garvey, an entrepreneur of Jamaican ancestry who gave birth to the "Back-to-Africa" movement in the 1920s. He traced his heritage to the proud ethnic group known as Maroons, famous for escaping the bonds of slavery and fleeing to the hills of Jamaica.

Garvey believed that blacks should appreciate the rich color and variety within the world-wide African race.

In the 90s black beauty has come full swing. Actor Denzel Washington was featured as a "beautiful person" in a recent issue of Newsweek. Actor Halle Berry was signed as a Revlon spokesperson. Anchorman Ed Gordon, was recently dubbed one of *People* magazine's "Most Beautiful People."

As mainstream America begins to lift its blinders to the inherent beauty of black people, cosmetics, hair care and skin care companies are featuring products that compliment and match those of richer hues. Of course, there have always been companies, such as Fashion Fair, who have always catered to the needs of black women.

Over the next several weeks, *City News* will cover issues of beauty as it relates to blacks. Read on for tips on hair care. Next week, check out tips on staying fit because beauty comes from within...

by Jereme Johnson



CAN HAIR MAKE A POLITICAL STATEMENT?

NEW BRUNSWICK—What does an African American woman's hairstyle say about her? Is straight hair a rejection of her African self? A capitulation to the values of the dominant culture? Is curly hair a symbol of self-esteem and racial pride?

Hair Raising: Beauty, Culture, and African American Women by Noliwe M. Rooks, which will be published in August, investigates the history and politics of hair and beauty culture in African American communities from the nineteenth century to the 1990s.

Rooks explores the ways in which African American women have positioned themselves in their own families, communities and national culture through beauty advertisements, hair treatments and styles. She discusses the roles of African American women, including Madame C. J. Walker, arguably one of the most influential individuals in visually representing and constructing identities of African American women at the turn of the century. She reveals how these women, who manufactured and marketed their own beauty treatments, redefined the concept of "beauty" for African American women.

Hair Raising examines for the first time how hair texture and length increasingly became signs of women's self-confidence and symbols of economic opportunity and advancement. Rooks takes the story into today's beauty shops, discussing and listening to other women talk about braids, afros, straighteners, and what they mean today



Braid wearers beware!

Tina of World Wide Beauty Salon has some tips for all those with nubian locks:

- Keep braids in no longer than two to three months.
- The longer you keep braids in the harder they are to take out because they start to dread up.
- Shampoo once a week using no combs or brushes.
- Human hair is more versatile than synthetic hair for styling. Human hair is also lighter in weight.
- When removing the braids do not pull hair apart, untwist it gently.
- Realize that usually the large amount of hair that comes out when removing braids is dead hair that has built up over the weeks due to lack of combing.
- Beware of braiding the hair too tight, this can cause irreversible damage to hair follicles. Thinning hair on the sides is a sign of this condition.
- Although you can get braids the same day you get a relaxer, you should wait at least a week after taking your braids out before you get a relaxer.



Rapper/Actress Yoyo radiantly dons braids

Colored and loving it

Now, the summer is finally here, how are you shedding those winter blues. If you're like many women you're taking it easy and lightening up, these days—lightening your hair that is.

There are several ways to get the color you want, from using bleach, permanent and semi-permanent colors, and rinses, to highlights, henna and lighteners. What process is right for your hair? Here are some tips on getting the right summer glow.

According to Angela Jones, owner of Angela's Hair Creation in Paterson, there are a couple of guidelines that you should follow when getting hair color and keeping it up.

- Never get color when the hair is breaking, thinning or is damaged.
- Wait two weeks after any chemical process, such as a relaxer before getting color.
- Select a color based on your skin tone and natural hair color. Usually a couple of shades lighter than your own skin tone will give a subtle color change.
- The lighter you go, the more damaging the process. The blond colors have more bleach in it. Bleach is chemically known as Ammonia Peroxide.
- Always go to the salon to get hair color. A hairdresser can make certain the color application is applied easily. Store bought permanent colors often have a larger amount of ammonia peroxide then necessary. A hairdresser can determine the correct level of peroxide needed for your hair's particular type.
- Know the technique you want and be certain that it will achieve the look you want. Here are some hints: permanent color is dye mixed with bleach; semi-permanent color is a dye that will remain on the hair for 20 washes; rinses may remain on the hair for up to six washes; highlighting is a process of bleaching the hair in small sections.
- Wash and condition the hair every week with products designed specifically for color-treated hair.



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AUGUST 1 THRU SEPTEMBER 13
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

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AUGUST 2 THRU 4

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AUGUST 2, 16 AND 23

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NEW YORK—Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts "Midsummer Night Swing" with Leroy Jones at 8:15 to 11 p.m. For more info call 212-875-5102.

Harry Belafonte named 1996 Romney Citizen Volunteer

WASHINGTON, DC—Dubbed as the "consummate entertainer," Harry Belafonte recently added another honor to his distinguished life and career when he received the Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award. The award, given by The Points of Light Foundation, was presented to Belafonte at the Foundation's National Community Service Conference in June.

"Harry Belafonte is exactly the kind of individual Lenore and the late George Romney had in mind when they created this honor in 1987," said Foundation President and CEO Robert



Harry Belafonte

ert, Goodwin. "Belafonte is a champion of many causes and a world renowned crusader for human rights."

"My social and political interests are part of my career. I can't separate them," says Belafonte. "My songs reflect the human condition. The role of art isn't to just show life as it is, but to show life as it should be."

The Lenore and George W. Romney Citizen Volunteer Award is given to Americans who have demonstrated the same spirit of volunteerism and citizenship that have characterized the lives of Lenore and George Romney.

'Selected Works' on exhibit at Swain Galleries



PLAINFIELD—Swain Galleries in Plainfield will showcase new talent in a multi-media exhibition entitled, "Selected Works," by 18 award winners from the 1996 Juried Fine Art Show at the deCret School of the Arts in Plainfield.

The exhibit, featuring 28 works will be on view through August 17 and will include clay sculpture, watercolor, oil, collage, pencil, colored pencil, pastel, scratchboard, print, stained glass mosaic sculpture, assemblage and photography.

Swain Galleries is located at 703 Watchung Ave. The exhibit times are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, call Swain's at 908-756-1707.

Looks like a Phat Beach party



Larger than life Bennie King (Urmaline "Huggy" Hopkins, center) is a dreamer with a poet's heart who dreams of becoming a famous writer and devoting his life to one woman, his muse (Claudia Kaleem), a vision so perfect she can't possibly be real. Benny's best friend, Durrell Jackson (Brian Hooks), is also a dreamer. But his dream is sitting in Benny's driveway—Mr. King's vintage convertible Mercedes, the kind of car no woman can resist—and with Benny's family away on vacation, the car is theirs for the taking. It's Phat Beach, it's Phat! Orion Pictures' *Phat Beach* is a hip hop comedy about two suburban boys set loose among the most beautiful girls in the world at Southern California's hottest beach. Benny's and Durrell's dreams are about to come tantalizingly to life, but in ways they never expected. Conceived and produced by Cleveland O'Neal, the film is directed by Doug Elkin from a screenplay by Elkin, Brian E. O'Neal, and Ben Morris. *Phat Beach* opens at theatres on Friday, August 2 and features rapper Coolio.

All star line-up for Black Arts Festival

NEW YORK—Poet, actress and best-selling author Maya Angelou, singer, songwriter and storyteller Abbey Lincoln; and folk diva Odetta represent only a few of the artists who will be featured in TBS Superstation's upcoming *The Ark of the Spirit With Avery Brooks*, a one-hour special capturing the essence of the 1996 National Black Arts Festival (NBAF). The special premieres Monday, August 5 at 8:05 p.m. (ET).

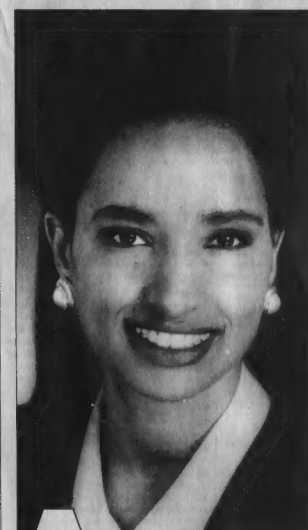
Avery Brooks, artistic director of the NBAF and on-camera host will guide viewers through a spiritual journey highlighting music, theater, literature and dance performances. Theatrical performances will include excerpts from *Having Our Say*, the story of the Delany sisters, produced by Camille Cosby and Judith James, and the *Gallery of Portraits*, which contains excerpts from *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, *A Day's Newton Story*, *The Confessions of Steppin' Fetchit*, *Zora Neale Hurston* and *The Ghosts of Summer*.



NEW YORK CITY—Swinging the night away at *Midsummer Night Swing*, one of New York City's most popular summertime attractions, returns to Lincoln Center's Fountain Plaza for its eighth season every Wednesday through Saturday evenings through August 10. For information, call the Midsummer Night Swing Hot Line at 212-875-5102.

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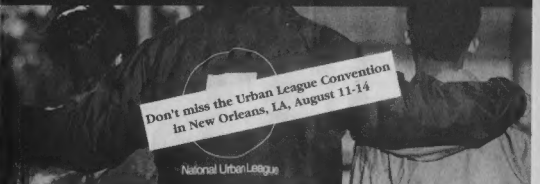


The leading cause of death among our Black youth is homicide. Gang membership and gun possession continue to be on the rise. According to Hugh Price, the new, dynamic leader of the National Urban League, this is an issue that must be tackled head-on. By making young people the focus of his agenda, Price, the NUL and his 114 affiliates are trying to get our kids off the streets so they can do what so many others may not

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National Urban League

BUSINESS

Job fair feeds hope to unemployed

by Terrence L. Dixon

NEWARK—The Black Urban Alliance held a job fair last Wednesday at Newark Public Library which included recruiters from Federal Express, Bell Atlantic, and Fleet Bank. Adolescents, those who did not necessarily have a 4-year college education, and those between the ages of 16 and 28 were invited to attend.

Motivational speakers, employer representatives, and local politicians addressed participants well into the evening as they were taken row by row to talk with recruiters.

"Anyone in this room can succeed. You compete not only with your



Crowds of people were in attendance at the recent Job Fair at the Newark Public Library.

Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

METUCHEN—How to Survive in today's Economy seminar for business owners at 7 p.m. at Gryan Restaurant. For more info call 800-932-0099 or 908-434-4795.

PERSEUS CITY—Women Business Entrepreneurs Symposium at Hudson County Freeholders Chambers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 201-861-4278.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

BORDENTOWN—Small Business Association takes Loan program show on the road with Community Assistance Seminar at Bordentown Township Municipal Complex 9:30 to noon. For more info call 609-586-4800 ext. 658.

FOUNDERBROOK—Sander Sales Institute presents the seminar Break the Rules and Close More Sales from 8 to 10 a.m. For more info call 908-868-2232.

EAST RUTHERFORD—Peter Lowe's Success 1596 record at Continental Arena 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 800-689-6663.

NEW ROCHELLE, NY—The NY/NJ Minority Purchasing Council, Inc. hosts 2nd Annual Scholarship & Networking FUND Day at The Wykagil County Club. For more info call 212-222-7632.

AUGUST 3 THRU 10

PUERTO RICO—the National Minority Business Council will hold a trade mission to Puerto Rico. For more info call 212-573-2385.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

NEW BRUNSWICK—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will hold a Summer Networking Open House at the Atrium of Robert Wood Johnson at 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more info call 908-422-6888.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

NEW YORK—New York's Business Entrepreneurial Meeting for Small/Mid/Women Entrepreneurs from 9 to 10 a.m. For more info call 212-264-1234.

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Turn off the TV and Turn on PCs

by William Reed

Don't let anybody tell you that the white man's racism is keeping us in last place on the road to modern technology. Of course it's true that in the recent history of America's educational systems black girls and boys had to be twice as good to keep pace while they learned from second-hand books, or second-hand desks. But if we are honest with each other today, we know that on the information Super Highway the lanes to learning are color blind and that all African-American children need sufficient introductions to the world of computers.

The Information Super Highway is one area where you don't have to wait 400 years to get what is rightfully ours. Unless the current generation of African-American parents, and their children, begin to grasp technology and its value to us now and into the future, as other cultures have, where we live will become more and more like

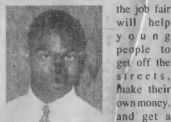
Third World enclaves, surrounded by plenty.

As the world races toward an information-based society, exactly where is Black America? Unfortunately amid discussions of the Information Super Highway, African Americans are on a dirt road, lost in the boondocks. Unless we quickly embrace the technologies, we'll find ourselves traveling through life by horse and buggy while others bypass us, economically and socially, aboard the Concorde. Look at the way information-based technology has already changed our lives in the past 10 years - call waiting, caller ID, cellular phones, pagers, etc. - and you see the future. And for African Americans, of whom only 12 percent of households own PCs, the future will be bleak.

We have to start now to understand the value of computers. Young people can gain immediate educational benefits from using computers. Sev-

enty percent of all future jobs will be computer-related, and those who remain computer illiterate will earn one-quarter less income than others. It is up to parents, preachers, teachers and relatives to help black children get the tools they need to stay afloat in the 21st century. With purchasing power of \$400 billion a year, more blacks can afford to own computers. Too many of us will spend money on expensive - and often violent video games or \$100 sneakers for our youth while refusing to invest in the technology essential to a child's development. If your child has a boombox, Nintendo, Sega, VCR, car and/or \$120 Reeboks, and no computer, then you (not the white man) are definitely the problem. If you can figure out how to get dollars to pay Nike, Nintendo and Sony Entertainment for what you, and your kids, want, you can get the financing to buy your children computers, which they will need to make it in life.

Marcelino Mazorra, 17, of West Kinney High School, Newark, said, "I think that the job fair will help young people to get off the streets, make their own money, and get a taste of the real world."



There are so many that just hang out and get into trouble because they have nothing to do."

peers but with people from around the world... You must believe in yourself and have ability. When you don't have dreams, you are mentally dead," Irvington Councilman Brian Coleman told the audience.

With this job fair, participants didn't necessarily need a resume.

Many of the recruiters were 'network recruiters'—they offered their expertise on personnel contacts, how to start your own business, and where to receive job-seeking skills.

"We want to give you a network. We are attempting to let you meet someone who you need to know," Irvington Councilman Wayne Smith said to the audience. He said it was very important for students to look at jobs in a very distinct way. "Everyone must have vision of what he or she wants to do."

"Job fairs reach out to a different community. Job fairs cater to the younger crowd with less credentials," said Mike Scott of the New Community Center Employment Services.

Black business support and ownership was a major theme at the fair. Councilman Smith encouraged the audience to learn how to use their money for black economic growth.

George Subira, author of *Black Folks Guide to Making Big Money in America* said, "I'm going to speak the truth. No one says you have to work for the white man all your life." He said there is evidence that people of every race have reached a successful business.

By far, the largest group of participants were high school students hungry for summer jobs. Many came in groups from high schools in Newark. Others came of their own will.

"The children here are no different from other communities. The needs are the same. Everybody wants to be somebody," said Yvonne Black, department chairperson of Physical Education and Health at Central High

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Hall discusses the state of Newark's schools

Interview by Dr. Henry Johnson
compiled by Kelly Howard &
Terrence Dixon

In the July 17 issue we published the first part to this in-depth interview with Dr. Beverly Hall on the issues and facts of life in the Newark school system. This week the interview continues as she discusses what her plans for the district are.

Dr. Johnson: Are there any examples in urban schools where this model is really working?

Dr. Hall: Yes, you can go right to New York City. I took over an elementary school, where the kids were all below grade level. Now the kids read and do math on or above grade level, 75 percent or something, in New York City. Better than that, Doreen Hall who has come out here to do work, P.S. 44 on Monroe and Morrison, the highest crime precinct in New York, the kids read and do math on grade level.

Dr. Johnson: To be on grade level nationally is to be "underperforming" in terms of real achievement.

Dr. Hall: But when you look at a system like this, where they are below grade level, it's even worse. So let's just get them on grade level. And then when you get them on grade level you try to move them out. Because that is just the baseline, that's the minimum standard.

Dr. Johnson: Is the model that's in place inappropriate to move the youngsters at the pace to get them on grade level?

Dr. Hall: I think the model in place is inappropriate. We have to do things differently to get them on and

above grade level by the time they are in the third grade. We're going to have to invest in the kind of staff development that I am talking about. We're going to have to bring them into school. How can we have a city like Newark and not have your five-year-olds in all-day kindergarten? I don't understand. When across this country if you go to any "middle class" neighborhood, and ask how many children went to school at the age of three. You know how many went? Just about all of them. So if we're talking about equity, we're talking about access. Why should these children not have that when we have a public school system that is supposed to provide a thorough and efficient education.

Dr. Johnson: Isn't there also evidence to the contrary? The longer the kids stay in urban schools, the lower their performance. There is no evidence

to say that in the urban school districts, if youngsters go to school earlier, they are actually performing. In fact, the evidence we have today says the longer youngsters stay in the district, the more backward they get.

Dr. Hall: I think you can say that in general. But there are specific districts where that is not true and there are specific schools in urban districts where that is not true. What we have to start doing is looking at what works and saying how can we bring that up to scale. How is it that I can find some schools beating the odds? We have children from high crime areas. Yet, many of them doing algebra in the 6th grade and passing the Regents [standardized test] which are being established as the norm in New York City.

Stay tuned for the continuation of this interview.



Dr. Beverly Hall

Hughes takes first place in arts contest



PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY—Michael Hughes, (r) a student at ARTS High in Newark was the winner of a \$500 first prize in The First Occupational Center of New Jersey's Art Contest—*WE MEAN WORK!* The contest was aimed at encouraging students "to create artwork that showed work was the best form of rehabilitation." Eligibility for the contest was open to all students in the 9th-12th grades in any public, private or parochial school in New Jersey. The display was opened with a reception for the artists, their teachers, friends and families.

City Council

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training, budgeting and financial planning will also be available.

A jobs fair will be set up to link employers with job candidates. The district will re-hire some laid-off employees, and outside providers will offer employment to other laid-off personnel.

"I plan to call Dr. Hall and talk to her. We can make numbers do whatever we want them to do," said Crump. She pointed out that the city council is all for putting children first but the layoffs put Newark families in a very difficult position. Crump doubted that the students, whose parents were laid off, will be able to benefit from the new education services proposed by the reorganization plan.

pals that govern the community and the role the church must play to help work for economic justice; to develop public-private partnership with major institutions and good-will organizations; and to help residents out of their social dilemmas through basic training and referral groups.

Our goal with the foundation is to establish an on-going association among our membership and partnerships in the public and private sectors who can help us to continue providing much needed services within our community," said Rev. A. Gilmore.

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The late Rev. Gilmore

Olympians

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Meredith Rainey at the trials, and also will have to contend with others to reach her goal. Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for the last three years and nationally ranked for the past 10, Clark hopes to finish much better than her seventh place from the 1992 Olympics.

Safe Haven

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ing, as well as grants and additional help from the City of Plainfield.

The program started with about 60 children, and with the increase of numbers and the children's focus on the positive, the impact of the program can be seen in both the neighborhoods and the attitudes of the children. Though the program is located in the West End of the city, El-Amin assures that all of the children of the city are welcome to take part.

"This program deals with giving the children an educational, cultural

Affordable rentals

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by HMFA to developers planning to build new rental apartments and that must be reserved for low-income households for a period of at least 15 years.

Governor Whitman and Commissioner Kony indicated that the state is in the process of notifying local officials and developers who are receiving Balanced Housing and tax credit awards.

Celebrating 50 years

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said Rev. E. Gilmore. "I'm not surprised that our children continue with us from an early age through adulthood. And even if they move out of the area and on to our sister ministries, we still let them know they will always continue to be part of the Gilmore family."

Community and Economic Development Plan

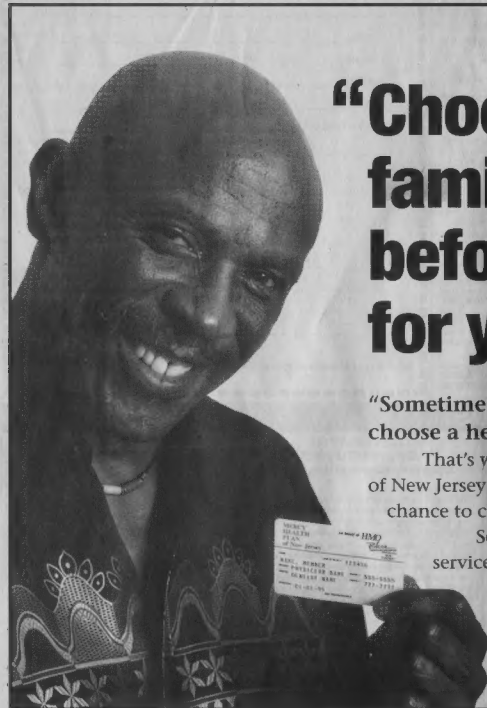
To Rev. Gilmore's long list of programs, she will announce the addition of the Gilmore Community and Economic Development Corporation. The Gilmore Community and Economic Development plan's objective is to help disadvantaged residents in Paterson

to improve the quality of life and to become self-sufficient through training and education.

The program will address such issues as homelessness, unemployment, high school drop-out rates, and juvenile delinquency.

Among the programs, they have Business Entrepreneurship/Incubator Center, Church Loan Fund, Residential Rehabilitation Program, Home Buyers Association, Vocational Training, Young Fatherhood Program, and Caring Community Center.

The center's goals are to educate the residents on the economic partici-



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IT'S THE KIDS' TURN: STAYING FOCUSED ON THE MISSION

An Open Letter to the Public from Dr. Beverly L. Hall State District Superintendent, The Newark Public Schools

Knowledge is indeed power. Young people educated in excellent school systems are provided with attractive career options. Ineffective school systems handicap youth and severely limit their choices as adults. For many years, the Newark school system has not empowered students; rather it has focused on adult needs. Intervening to reverse this trend, the State effectively said, "It's the kids' turn."

Those who would benefit from continuing business-as-usual try to divert attention from the court-certified fact of Newark's educational bankruptcy. Special interest groups apparently do not recognize that the deplorable state of this once nationally acclaimed school district has resulted from placing adult interests over students' educational needs. Through purposeful distortions, they hope to escape public scrutiny of their role in the collapse of the city's educational system.

On July 19, 1996, I announced a reorganization plan that would reverse past practice by putting the interests of children first. This action redirected \$26.3 million from 634 administrative and other non-instructional positions to classroom services for the city's 47,000 students. It put misplaced resources squarely behind the district's mission—preparing children to succeed as adults in the 21st century.

I am committed to doing everything possible to assist laid off employees. Newark residents account for approximately 75 percent of this group. Some are parents and custodial grandparents of school age children. This is why I have arranged for the Department of Labor to operate a Career Center at 153 Halsey Street for a minimum of three months. This center offers a wide array of advisement and counseling services and skills training. Through the Career Center we are recruiting qualified candidates for vacant and new district positions and are mobilizing area employers to hire displaced district personnel. To ease the stress of job loss, we are also paying for extended health insurance coverage.

The reorganization plan has elicited both criticism and support. Since they cannot dispute the facts of bloated bureaucracy and inefficient expenditures, the organized special interest groups have attempted to focus instead on irrelevant issues such as the superintendent's residence. Their accusation of my bringing to Newark a "culture of failure" would be humorous if the irony were not so sad. They further inflame public fear and passion by predicting that displaced workers will not be able to feed their children. Worst of all, they insult the employees who have been laid off by suggesting that they lack marketable skills to secure another position.

I believe that most Newark citizens agree that spending educational dollars efficiently on students is the right thing to do. Many who have told me so in private are reluctant to say so in public. But that too will change. State intervention is a reality that will increasingly focus resources on children. Regardless of who serves as State District Superintendent, the mission will continue to be—putting children first. It is time to move beyond self-interest, masquerading as moral outrage.

I am calling upon the Newark community for support. We must help those who have lost their jobs weather this transition period and secure new employment. We must also reject those who would spread discord and divert attention in order to prevent any real change. For too long, they have stood at the head of the schoolhouse line. Now, it's the kids' turn.

Sincerely,

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